

INTERNAL TITLE 5 VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement Number:	T38-2006-104	Opening Date:	09-20-2006	Closing Date:	10-12-2006
Position/Position Number:	Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist (2 positions) GS-647-5 (#3614A) target GS-6 (#3615A) target GS-7 (#3616A) OR GS-647-6 (#3615A) target GS-7 (#3616A) OR GS-647-7 (#3616A)			Organizational Location:	IMAGING SERVICE Duty Station: Temple ICF
Salary Range:	GS-5: \$28,349 - \$36,856 per annum GS-6: \$31,601 - \$41,080 per annum GS-7: \$35,116 - \$45,648 per annum (INCLUDES 12.52% LOCALITY COMPARABILITY PAY)			Area of Consideration:	CURRENT PERMANENT EMPLOYEES OF CTVHCS

Duties and Responsibilities:

Hours of Work: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. This position is a multi Technical Radiologic Technologist position. The incumbent must be able to perform a wide range of radiologic procedures which include routine radiologic exams and special procedure exams. The incumbent will be required to cover Waco, Austin, and all the CBOC's when technical staff shortages occur. Incumbent could be required to pull call and work irregular tours when needed. Incumbent should cross train one highly technical procedure area, i.e. ultrasound, C.T., Special (MRI), etc. Primarily performs very difficult radiographic examinations. Receives patients, explains method of procedure, positions patients, selects and sets technical factors, sets up and adjusts accessory equipment required, and makes exposures necessary for the requested procedures. Performs special procedures such as arthrograms, cholangiography, linear tomography, lumbar and thoracic myelography, E.R.C.P. and venography. Sets up the x-ray room. Assures that sterile supplies, contrast materials, catheters, and other required equipment are present and laid out. Prepares and administers contrast material orally, by enema, or under close control of radiologist, intravenously. As required by procedure or patient's condition, monitors vital signs such as heart and blood pressure, notifying radiologist of significant changes. Performs examinations of head, trunk and extremities for routine physical examinations and for diagnosis of illness or of injuries of accident victims. Provides clinical instruction for radiology technical students which includes positioning patients, selecting the proper size film, measuring patient thickness to determine technical factors needed. Instructs student in the handling of seriously ill patients, checks films as they are processed to be sure they are of good diagnostic quality. Evaluates the students' clinical ability periodically and grades their ability to determine their overall grades at the school. Processes exposed radiographs. Maintains records of patients examined, examinations performed, views taken and technical factors used. Assists radiologists and higher grade technologist to perform more complex procedures such as carotid arteriogram. Performance of the examination requires proper alignment and position of the patient. Sets up and adjusts all equipment. The incumbent must be able to adjust the equipment to assure that sufficient information is obtained for each examination. **DUTIES AT THE GS-5 LEVEL WILL BE PROGRESSIVE IN DEVELOPMENT TOWARD THE TARGETED GRADE LEVEL OF GS-6. DUTIES AT THE GS-6 LEVEL WILL BE PROGRESSIVE IN DEVELOPMENT TOWARD THE TARGETED GRADE LEVEL OF GS-7.**

Qualification Requirements:

Qualifications are derived from the Office of Personnel Management Group Coverage Qualification Standard for Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist Series in conjunction with the Group Coverage Qualification Standard for Technical and Medical Support Positions, available in Human Resources Management Service (HRMS). Applicants must have one year specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade level. Specialized experience is experience in the operation of diagnostic radiography equipment under the direction of radiologists to other medical officers to produce radiographic studies used in medical diagnosis and treatment or experience in the operation of therapeutic radiology equipment under the direction of radiotherapists or other medical officers. **MUST BE REGISTRY-ELIGIBLE OR CERTIFIED AS DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST BY THE AMERICAN REGISTRY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST (AART). PUBLIC LAW 95-201 REQUIRES INCUMBENT TO POSSESS BASIC PROFICIENCY IN SPOKEN AND WRITTEN ENGLISH.** It is your responsibility to assure that your official Personnel Folder (OPF) is current and shows all work experience and credentials prior to the closing date of the announcement. Applicants at the GS-5 level must have graduate education or internship to meet the specialized experience required. Applicants at the GS-6 level must meet time-in-grade requirements of one year at the GS-5 level. Applicants at the GS-7 level must meet time-in-grade requirements of one year at the GS-6 level.

Rating and Ranking:

Qualified candidates will be rated and ranked on the following knowledge, skills, and abilities:

- Thorough knowledge of radiation protection standards, devices, and techniques and knowledge of procedures used in their operation positioning of patients, radiation protection devices, preparing contrast material.
- Ability to communicate effectively with others.
- Knowledge of physiology and cross-sectional anatomy.
- Knowledge of various supplies necessary to perform radiographic examinations and the ability to maintain appropriate stock levels in assigned areas.

How to apply:

Permanent employees who wish to be considered for this position must obtain necessary forms through the internet address: <http://www.central-texas.med.va.gov/HRMS/forms.htm>. **VA FORM 5-4078 MUST BE RECEIVED IN HRMS, TEMPLE, BY 4:00 P.M. ON CLOSING DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT. VA FORMS 5-4676A AND 5-4667B MUST BE RECEIVED WITH SEVEN (7) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE CLOSING DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT.** It is your responsibility to assure that your Official Personnel Folder (OPF) is current and shows all work experience and credentials prior to the closing date of the announcement. Refer all questions to Karen Young, Human Resources Specialist, extension 40311.

NOTE: This is a DESIGNATED RANDOM DRUG Testing position. SELECTEE will be subject to random drug tests.

Job offers are contingent on passing a physical (if required), satisfactory completion and positive results of the following: the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB), Exclusionary Individuals/Entities (LEIE), Background Investigation and completion and adjudication of Fingerprint Investigation.

NOTE: This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the specialist listed above. The decision on granting accommodation will be on a case-to-case basis.

THIS IS A **BARGAINING** UNIT POSITION.

CTVHCS IS A SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT.

IF PATIENT NEEDS ARISE, THE INCUMBENT OF THE ABOVE POSITION MAY BE REASSIGNED WITHIN THE CENTRAL TEXAS VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: ACTIONS TO FILL THIS POSITION WILL NOT BE BASED ON DISCRIMINATORY FACTORS, WHICH ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW.